



FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL SUMMER ISSUE



Staffing news

We are unfortunately bidding a fond and sad farewell to Angela Cox, Donna Malumbe and Philip Walker. I would like to thank these members of staff for their hard work and dedication. They will be greatly missed and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours!

Leavers and Starters

Sorry to see you go:

YR Alexandra Carter
Y1 Liberty Marks
Y1 Clara Santolalla Czerczuk
Y1 Oscar Szczesny
Y1 Jesse Steele
Y2 Nadia Gyamfi
Y2 Lucinda Miranda
Y3 Gabriel Squintani
Y3 Calum Mathieson
Y4 Ella Moody
Y5 Tomas Escobar
Y5 Alice Prince

A warm welcome to:

Y2 Eva Tracey
Y3 Keerthi Anand
Y3 Gabriel Squintani

Farewell St Mary's and Thank You

Some people reading this will be saying Mrs Who? Others with older children will remember me and may even know that I was deputy when Rev Tim Marwood was head.

It is actually 29 years since I first started teaching here and it has been a very rewarding place to work. Since I "retired" as deputy in 2005 I have been teaching and tutoring part time. This has mostly been at the top of the school and I have specialised in Maths. I have thoroughly enjoyed moving children on with their Maths and trying to make my lessons fun in the hope that the children will learn to share my enthusiasm for the subject. For 26 years I ran the Netball team and, besides the Maths teaching, that probably gave me the greatest joy. What could be nicer than freezing to death up at Dover House Road playing fields on a winter's evening? Seriously, the teams were brilliant and I loved it!

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone I have worked with, past and present and to all the parents who have been so supportive and caring. It has gone by all too soon and I have hundreds of extremely happy memories which I cherish.

My next role is Grandma to baby Violet, which I'm sure will also bring me joy.

Angela Cox



Letter from the Head...

Well, here we are at the end of another fabulous year, and another brilliant term at St. Mary's! As I write, we have just finished watching our Year Six Leavers wow us in their performance of 'What a Knight!' and next week we will be saying a fond but sad farewell to them at the Leavers' Service. The Early Years and Key Stage One children gave a thought-provoking and endearing performance during their production of 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World!' I'd like to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff team for not only delivering some fantastic shows but also for all of their hard work and determination throughout the year to ensure all children achieve.

Speaking of which, we achieved some amazing results all round this year, but not least in the Key Stage Two SATs where 90% of our children achieved the expected level in reading, SPaG and Maths compared to 53% nationally. We are very proud of these results but also of all of the things our children achieve on and of the sports field, on and off the stage, when playing instruments, creating wonderful works of art and being amazing learners who are a joy to teach.

I'd like to thank parents and carers for their support this year, many of whom go above and beyond for their children; organising sports days, parties, fairs and barbecues to name but a few of the community building activities we have enjoyed this term alone. I would like to say a special thank you to Michele Williams, Vice Chair, for her energetic and enthusiastic co-ordination of FoSMS and a huge thank you to all of the parents who have actively supported the school this year.

I would also like to thank our fantastic team of Governors and especially our indomitable Chair, Sally McGeachie, for all their hard work, challenge and support behind the scenes.

We bid a fond but sad farewell to some of our staff team: Angela Cox, Donna Malumbe and Philip Walker; who go with our thanks for their hard work and dedication at St. Mary's and we wish them all well for the future. No doubt we will see them all again soon. Once St. Mary's, always St. Mary's!

On that note may I wish you all a summer filled with laughter and hopefully some sunshine! Thank you all for another wonderful year!

Cheryl Payne – Head Teacher



FoSMS

Wow, what a Summer term we have had at FOSMs. It has been jam packed full with fantastic events giving something for everyone! Huge thanks to our Class Reps of 2015-2016, who led the way making all of our events possible. Of course, I must thank the FOSMs committee, who work tirelessly behind the scenes. We have many unsung heroes of the year, so I shall just say thank you to each and every person who has shown support and help for our school this year- it has been hugely appreciated and without you we couldn't have done it!

We kicked off the term with our fantastic Art Event. Absolutely a favourite of the year as we get to see our children blossoming in so many ways and celebrate their successes. A great sporting day brought the parents together as they showed off their netball and football talents. The KS2 disco ran very smoothly with a beach theme giving the children a night to remember. The Summer Party took us back to our 'younger years' and those fabulous sights and sounds we loved from the 80's and 90's.

The Summer BBQ took on a Royal theme and received brilliant feedback from young and old. The BBQ grew new community connections and reached new heights raising the most amount ever from the event, whilst maintaining our positive and inclusive ethos to make sure all were welcomed and involved!

So, as we bid a fond farewell to this years events and achievements I welcome you to look ahead to the new year with me and all the excitement it will bring!

Have a peaceful Summer.

Michèle

FOSMs Vice-Chair





Y3 had a busy and fabulous summer term. We finished our swimming lessons at the beginning of the term, which we enjoyed very much. Although we were sad not to be swimming any more, we welcomed the extra time for more topic work. Our topic this term has been 'Land, Sea and Sky.' We loved finding out about the different creatures living on our planet and discovering how they have adapted to life in different habitats. We were particularly impressed with the amount of wildlife that can be found even in a city like London.

We were fascinated to learn about the history of the earth through our Power of Reading book, 'The Pebble in My Pocket.' Through this book we found out all about how the Earth was formed and how it has developed into the world we know today. In English, having read many Ancient Greek, Roman and Norse myths, we wrote our own wonderful mythological adventures starring a host of interesting characters and creatures.

Y3



YR

YR have been really busy learning about 'Transport' and 'Treasure.' The class started the summer term by reading the 'Naughty Bus.' The adventures with the 'Bus', included speeding through a plate of beans and falling into a garden pond! Our role-play area became a London bus and we planned lots of imaginative journeys. We visited The London Transport Museum and went back in time to look at how transport has changed. The class enjoyed creating their own pirate ship and going on a treasure hunt. The children really got into character and developed exciting pirate stories and narratives. During our trip to Legoland, we went on a submarine adventure and saw a range of underwater creatures including sharks! We created fantastic coral reefs and underwater creatures with lego.

To end the term the class participated enthusiastically in all the Sports Day events and particularly enjoyed the ice-lollies at the end! They worked hard on their song for the KS1 and EYs performance and really enjoyed performing it for everyone.

Y2

Summer Term in Y2 was incredibly busy and enjoyable. We had two energetic trips: the first to Wandsworth Recycling Centre, where we learnt all about what happens with our household rubbish, as well as making paper from recycled newspaper. The second trip was to the Wetland Centre, where we enjoyed some bird spotting and learnt about the importance of water sustainability. Both trips involve several miles of walking, so both our brains and our bodies were exercised. We really enjoyed performing and singing at our music concert, the theme of which was 'The Blues,' and were really pleased to note how well we can now play our recorders! Our favourite event in Y2 is was our end of year play; this year it is 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World.' Its theme of protecting our environment fitted in perfectly with our topic, 'Our World.' We hope you enjoyed coming to see our singing, dancing and acting skills as much as we enjoyed performing!

Y6

Y6 finished their SATs and just kept going! Over half the class took part in the Wandsworth Cycle Training course to help them to use our busy roads safely. prepare them in safety and awareness on our busy roads. We have made interesting and informative PowerPoint presentations on the Mayan Civilisation and created the most fantastic Mayan face masks. We had a successful Y5 games afternoon as a result of our careful planning. This heralded the start of our final topic, 'Fitness for Life.' The trip to Google's Head Office was a treat, giving us an inspiring opportunity to see a dynamic workplace. We worked very hard to finish the year with a performance to remember of the KS2 play, 'What a Knight.' What a year Y6, good luck at your next school.



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YN



Our final term in Nursery started with learning about lots of minibeasts! The children were fascinated, particularly as they studied all the creatures they collected. We went on hunts to find worms and snails in the school garden, and watched the tracks they made. We were lucky enough to have our own caterpillars and we observed them turn slowly into chrysalides and then hatch into beautiful butterflies. The pupils enjoyed turning old 'junk' into unusual creations and we each made our own 'junk modelling minibeast.' The work of Jackson Pollock and Henri Matisse inspired us to create minibeast art.

Recently we have been studying 'Sand and Water.' The children created various boats, they watched ice turn into water, thinking about what happened and why. We also made ice lollies in our cooking classes. The children worked really hard to become super singing polar bears for their part in EYFS and KS1 play, 'Eddie the Penguin.' A real highlight of the term was our first school trip: a day at Bockett's Farm. What a lovely last term it has been. The Nursery team is so proud of the huge progress each child has made, and we can't believe this super year has already come to an end!



Y1

Y1 have worked hard this term and had a fantastic end to the year. We have explored holidays in our topic, 'Hooray...Let's Go On Holiday.' This saw us visiting KidZania – we had a great time using role play to experience different aspects of holidays. We were a pilot or passenger on a plane, housekeepers and guests at a Dorset hotel, tourists on the City Tour Bus, and we also heard how the Police and Fire brigade keep us safe on holiday.

Our final topic of the year was 'Water World.' We explored how much of the world is covered in water, and the importance of water. We were lucky to have a visit from the school nurse, she taught us more about germs and how to wash our hands thoroughly. Our favourite part of 'Water World,' was getting wet, by playing lots of water games. The topic was rounded off with our fabulous trip to the aquarium.



Y4

Y4 had an enjoyable summer term. The topic on tropical rainforests, 'Saving the World' provided many opportunities to learn about rainforests, including their locations in the world, adaptations of plants and animals, deforestation issues and conservation work. The children used code to make their own rainforest themed computer game and enjoyed the class trip to fascinating, 'Living Rainforest.' In English the class explored language and poetic devices through studying the poetry from Valerie Bloom's, 'Hot Like Fire.' 'Gregory Cool' by Caroline Binch provided an insight into Caribbean life and explored the dilemma of missing home whilst visiting a new country. Y4 got involved in politics and thoroughly explored both the 'leave' and 'remain' points of view in the EU referendum. The children wrote excellent balanced arguments and a mock referendum poll was taken. In Maths the children tackled investigations including the possible ways a flag could be coloured and how to lay the yellow brick road in the Land of Oz! RE gave the children the opportunity to study parables from the Bible and explore their meaning. The class used their PE lessons to further their skills in tennis and football.

Y5 had a busy and exciting term. We all enjoyed our topic, 'Weather and Climate' in which we learnt about the water cycle, different cloud formations and wild weather. We finished the topic with a science fair for the parents, working in groups and coming up with ideas to teach others about our learning. It was a huge success. Our more recent topic, 'Bake It,' brought out inner chefs, we tasted different types of bread, learnt about how ingredients react and finally made our own bread and butter.

Y5

We enjoyed having some interesting visitors this term. Google paid us a visit introducing us to coding and 3D viewing on Google Cardboard. We were natural pros, the same could not be said for Mrs Rinaldi! As part of a pollution workshop, we tested the air in our neighbourhood, watched an hilarious interactive live show all about pollution and learnt how we can make a difference to our environment.

We ended the year on a high note, with our performance in, 'Oh What a Knight.' Who knew old people's music could be so much fun to sing?!



Where are Y6 Going?

Ellyse Aspland
Lady Margaret School



Memories

I remember in Y4 my class sang 'No Girls Allowed' for the summer play - it was the best song I ever sung at St. Mary's. I will always remember it because it was so much fun. I also remember auditioning for the Talent Show in Y3 and I was in the top three - unfortunately I didn't get through to the finals!

Ambitions

In the future I would like to become a professional singer, dancer or maybe an actress. I would love to become any of these and hopefully one day I will.

Teachers will remember you for being a funny, fashionable and friendly!

Adam Coates
The Fulham Boys School



Memories

I remember in Nursery when Jack asked me to play in the sand pit and instead of saying no, I hit him on the head. Luckily we have been friends ever since! I also remember everyone singing about Cadbury's World on the coach in Y4 - that was my favourite trip ever.

Ambitions

I hope to work at NASA because I am interested in space exploration. I also might like to work at Google because I loved the ball pit and the massages when we visited there this term.

Teachers will remember you for your great practical design ability and your contributions to class discussions.

Olivia Brett
Ibstock Place



Memories

I remember in Y3 Algie asked me to explain fractions to him in maths - I think I taught him well! In YR I was messing around in the water tray with Eleanor, we got a bit carried away and ended up pouring water over each other's heads! I think we got sent to Y2 to calm down.

Ambitions

I would like to be a doctor or a vet. In my spare time I would like to row and possibly write some books too!

Teachers will remember you for your self-confidence, sense of fun and always making the classroom a happy place.

Jacob Coyle
The Fulham Boys School



Memories

I remember so many great things about St. Mary's especially our visit to Cadbury World and Sayers Croft - they were great fun. Throughout my amazing time at the school I have developed a great love of sport and art but I mainly enjoy the sculpture part of art. I love sport, especially tennis, as I find it very easy to play.

Ambitions

I would love to be an architect when I am older because I love designing things especially buildings. I would also like to be an engineer and build super sturdy structures but if I could do anything I would work at Google!

Teachers will remember your inquisitive nature, boundless enthusiasm and sportsman-

Jack Jaynes
Kingston Grammar School



Memories

I remember in YR when we were taking turns to hold the class baby chicks and I was the last person to get a turn and the chick pooped on my hand! I won't ever forget all the great times I have had here.

Ambitions

I would like to become a coding expert and design websites, and if that doesn't work out I would love to become a vet as I like caring for animals, although I know I would find the operations hard.

Teachers will remember you for your funny one-liners, your intelligence and your enthusiasm for life.

Biba Marks
Bournemouth School for Girls



Memories

One of my favourite memories is the giant water fight on the last day of term in Y3. We had so much fun! I fondly remember the many midnight feasts at Sayers Croft, netball at Dover House Road and attempting cartwheels in the playground. St. Mary's has been my second home I will miss it so much.

Ambitions

In the future I aspire to be a successful fashion designer - using cruelty free materials which are kind for our planet and environment. Another aspiration of mine is to become an actress or tour the world as a Team GB netballer.

Teachers will remember your creativity, wonderful way with words and your infectious smile.

Tobias Davey
Worth School



Memories

I remember during guided reading in Y3 I kept falling asleep and as I nodded off my head hit the table! I also remember in Y4 Mr Lett would say, "More walking, less talking," but one time he got muddled and he said, "More talking, less walking," and we all laughed! As the last Davey coming here I have to say that I will miss this place, so will the rest of my family.

Ambitions

I would love to become a singer/songwriter or work in the West End and I wouldn't mind working as a lawyer or surveyor. My ultimate dream would be to become an international rugby player.

Teachers will remember you for being sporty, sensible and smart!

Hal Kennedy
Emanuel School



Memories

I remember in Y5 Alex Forbes and I broke our arms at the same time and everyone thought we had got into a fight! I also remember in YR Miss Davies was teaching us the letter 'b' when we were meant to learn 'd' and Charles put up his hand and corrected her.

Ambitions

In the future I would like to run three marathons in the Sahara Desert in three days. I have also always wanted to become a professional rugby player and I hope to fulfil this dream.

Teachers will remember you for being supportive, engaged in learning and for being a great team player.



Monty Lovell
Christ's School



Memories

I remember on the last day of the summer term Mrs Livingstone drenched us with a water hose. I also remember in YR when I was on the top of the climbing frame and refused to come down until finally Miss Dadds picked me up and put me on the floor!

Ambitions

When I grow up I want to move to America, study at Philadelphia University and be an actor.

Teachers will remember your never ending sense of positivity and for wearing gloves, whatever the weather, at playtime every day of the year!

Jaydon Lowe
The Kingston Academy



Memories

I have enjoyed my time at St Mary's. The best trip I went on was to Cadbury's World because we learnt how chocolate was made and were even allowed to eat it! In Y6 I loved going to Wandsworth Park after the SATs it was a good day – the best of Y6!

Ambitions

I would like to become an engineer working for Google, the trip I went on in Y6 inspired me. I would also like to become a footballer. Whatever my job is in the future I hope it leads me to become the best man I can possibly be.

Teachers will remember for your compassionate nature and your skills on the football field.

Nicholas Pachana Pereira
Fulham Boys School



Memories

One of my best memories was when I first joined the school, I was quietly sitting at the table and everyone was crowding around me, in my head I was thinking, "Did I do something wrong?" I also remember at Sayers Croft when I completed a tricky triangle puzzle in 3 seconds – I was the quickest!

Ambitions

My ambition is to be an engineer and create new inventions or if that doesn't work out I would like to be an architect. If I do become an inventor I would like to create a hover bike!

Teachers will remember your great sense of humour and practical ability in solving problems.

Alex Clarke
Kingston Grammar School



Memories

I remember in Y5, when everyone was being really noisy and Mrs Brady started to hit a bowl with a spoon to quieten us down and the bowl broke in half! I will always remember taking part in all the sporting activities. I think this school is brilliant and I will cherish all the fun times I have had.

Ambitions

I would love to work in the sports industry, possibly in sports science or as a coach helping younger people develop their skills. I would also like to work in technology maybe creating games or apps or something similar. **Teachers** will remember your generosity of spirit, your great sense of humour and your all round sporting ability and commitment.

Yves Alain Thecoure
Saint Cecilia's CoE School



Memories

I remember when I started school in Y4 and I made two friends on the first day – Algie and Hal. When I was quite new I was chosen to wear a tiara, tutu and wand in assembly – it was really funny. In Y6 I had dress up as the Queen! The most memorable question I was asked was, "Do you want to stay in the EU?"

Ambitions

In the future I would like to be a very successful footballer, playing for the best clubs in the world. I'd also love to be a coach and manage a team like Real Madrid.

Teachers will remember your great sense of adventure and your willingness to participate in anything asked of you.

Abbie White
Latymer Upper School



Memories

I have been at St. Mary's for eight years and have had an amazing time throughout them all. My highlight was definitely the KS1 play when I played Widow Twanky. It really was funny when, in the filmed performance my black wig fell off and revealed my white blonde hair in contrast!

Ambitions

In the future I would like to have a creative job; an author, actress or an athlete because these are the things I know I would achieve the most with and enjoy doing.

Teachers will remember you for your musicality, great sense of commitment and your determination to do everything to the best of your ability.

Ava Hyde
Lady Margaret School



Memories

In Y5 we had a Talent Show and our group sang a song by Meghan Trainor. In the group were; Grace, Charles, Ellyse, Alicia, Fiza, Isabella, Lucy, Jasmine and myself. The bit that I enjoyed the most was when Mr Pearson said our singing was so good we should sing in the X-Factor.

Ambitions

In the future I would like to be a vet of just care for animals at RSPCA in Australia. I would like to do this because I love animals and I had had experience caring for cats. I would like to make a difference to animals' lives.

Teachers will remember you for being helpful, happy and humorous!

Fiza Sadiq
Ashcroft Technology Academy



Memories

I remember stepping into Y4 on my first day at St. Mary's and all eyes were on me, it made me feel even more nervous! At playtime there was a huge stampede of girls telling me their names. I have developed a love for research; it started when we learned all about chocolate in Y4.

Ambitions

My ambition is to become a lawyer and use my boundless energy to fight for justice. My family say that I am capable of becoming a lawyer as I am very chatty, responsible and very organised! I also want to earn a lot of money and live a happy life.

Teachers will remember you for being chatty, amazingly organised and a fantastic Merlin in the school play!



Charles Hume
King's College School
Wimbledon



Memories

I remember in Y3 when everyone sat on the carpet and watched the clock in amazement as it turned to the twelfth second of the twelfth minute of the twelfth hour of the twelfth of December 2012! I also remember when Miss Davies was teaching us about a 'b' when it should have been a 'd'! (Hal asked what the difference was!)

Ambitions

In the future I wish to study at Cambridge or Harvard University and attain a doctorate in a field of science or maths. Another ambition is to swim for Team GB in the 2024 Olympics and win a place on the podium. I would also love to travel the world and visit breath-taking places.

Grace Martin
Nonsuch Grammar
School



Memories

One of my favourite memories has to be playing Aladdin in the KS1 play with Biba. Mr Pearson was my favourite teacher and I loved going outside in the summer playing 'Ends.' Sayers Croft was so much fun – especially abseiling. St. Mary's has taught me so much and I am going to miss everyone who has helped me over the years.

Ambitions

My ambition is to be a brain surgeon and paediatrician and to set up a hospital to help people who are not getting the support they need. Also to run girls sports clubs where girls can learn rugby, football and other sports.

Teachers will remember you for your love of learning, real sense of justice, and knowledge of capital cities!

Algie Holdsworth Hunt
Whitgift School



Memories

When I came here to St. Mary's in Y3 I was extremely nervous. I remember being in the lunch hall getting my dessert and I skipped to the front not knowing that there was a queue! I will always remember my fantastic teachers and all the fun I have had.

Ambitions

When I am older I would like to become a professional tennis player and compete in tournaments like Wimbledon. If I don't achieve this I would love to be a tennis coach. One other ambition I have is to be a banker and hopefully earn a lot of money.

Teachers will remember you for your great sense of fun, your thoughtfulness and being an 'ace' on the tennis court.

Lucy Mackay-Weed
Lady Margaret School



Memories

I remember going to Bocketts Farm and I wanted to have a look at the pigs but I was too small and couldn't get over the wall! I will always remember getting a bulls-eye at archery at Sayers Croft too.

Ambitions

When I am older I would like represent GB in sailing at the Olympics because I really enjoy it!

Teachers will remember you for being smiley, sporty, and super determined!

Jasmine Cole
Lady Margaret School



Memories

I remember in Y2 being 'Wishy Washy' in the play. Another one of my fondest memories was at Sayer's Croft. I was practically shanking with fright before my turn to abseil, then I heard my classmates cheering me on and I felt ready. After I did it I was smiling from ear to ear – I felt invincible! St. Mary's has been a perfect opportunity and I'll be sad to let it go!

Ambitions

My ambitions for the future are to become an actress or let my creative side flow and be a graphic designer. I would also like to carry on my hobby of netball and tour around the world.

Teachers will remember you for being athletic, artistic and extremely caring.

Millie Playford
Lord Wandsworth
College



Memories

When I was in KS1 I was very clumsy and I would fall over at least once every two weeks – I am still super clumsy! I remember taking care of Alicia at sports day when she got injured and missing a few of the activities – I was pleased because I was very tired!

Ambitions

I would love to be an actress or the winner of 'Masterchef' or (more likely) 'The Great British Bake Off.' Other than that I am completely clueless although I do know that I want to do well at secondary school.

Teachers will remember you for your sunny outlook on life, big smile and care for everyone around you.



Sofia Sternberg
Godolphin and Latymer
School



Memories

I have many memories of St. Mary's that I love. In YR I remember lying to my class teacher pretending I was allergic to tomatoes because I didn't want to eat spaghetti bolognese – now I love it!

Ambitions

When I am older I would like to go to university and become a vet because I am passionate about helping animals.

Teachers will remember you for your kindness and consideration and your subtle ability to make us smile.

Thea Kyrin White
Lady Margaret



Memories

I love this wonderful school and I have some weird and wacky memories. In Y5 we made tie-dye t-shirts and then made lots of money for the school selling them at the BBQ.

The memory that sticks with me the most is when I played the evil villain in the KS1 play. I had to sing a huge solo and my voice cracked!

Ambition

I want to become a lawyer or a business woman in the future; I love fashion so maybe I could incorporate that into any job in the future.

Teachers will remember you for your creativity, confidence and kindness towards others.

Hannah Moody
Dean Close Preparatory
School



Memories

I remember the 'Seaside Club' that Biba and I made in Y1. I also loved making tie-dye t-shirts in Y5 and they sold out at the Summer BBQ really quickly. I loved all the exciting activities at Sayers Croft especially the archery. I will really miss my fantastic friends and this amazing school.

Ambitions

When I grow up I want to become a movie star! I love acting and I think it would be a really fun and exciting career. When I go to Dean Close I want to improve my netball and equestrian show jumping.

Teachers will remember you for being bright, inquisitive and creative.

Isabella Lowe
Lady Margaret School



Memories

I remember in Y5 we were learning about bullying and how to stop it. I was chosen for the poster and I wasn't supposed to smile so I tried hard not to! I also remember Mr Pearson and I doing a netball shooting competition and if I won the whole class would get extra play and I won! I will miss all my lovely teachers and friends.

Ambitions

In the future I would like to be a vet because I love animals and enjoy looking after them. I would also like to write about every animal I cared for and helped.

Teachers will remember you for your good sense of humour, great team work and always having one shoe lace undone!

Grace Farrell
Wimbledon High School



Memories

I remember being a TA for a day in Y5 while Miss Clark was away and I had to do all the jobs – I loved it! I will also never forget Miss O'Connell waking us up by playing the 'Macarena' (loudly) at Sayers Croft.

Ambitions

In the future I would love to direct and work in film because it is a way to show my creative side and it will improve my leadership skills. I would also love to be a professional netball player, representing England and winning International competitions. It has been a dream of mine to travel the world and help less fortunate children.

Teachers will remember you for being bubbly, bright and brave!

Andrew Craig
Peru – school to be
confirmed



Memories

I remember in Y1 we had a Ben 10 Club, I was the boss and everyone sacked me! My favourite day was the day I joined St. Mary's in YR and everyone crowded around me and I felt very popular – the best feeling ever! My top event was Red Nose Day (Y3) when I won the talent show with my Michael Jackson dance. I am moving to Peru and I will miss St. Mary's a lot.

Ambitions

When I am older I would like to become a song writer or if that doesn't work out a tennis player. I think the future will be exciting and I will make lots of new friends.

Teachers will remember your chattiness, charming nature and cheerful disposition.

Kevin Gyamfi
Epsom College



Memories

I will always remember scoring two goals in the football final in Y5. I felt very happy and more confident. I also loved the tune we sang about the Kindness Box in Y2 it was kind of annoying but funny too!

Ambitions

I want to become a professional footballer and win forty caps for Ghana. I would also like to set up my own charity to help people and remind them that God is with them even through the hard times. Near the end of my life I would like to write a book that will inspire people.

Teachers will remember you for being adventurous, an ace with numbers and your amazing dribbling skills on the football pitch.

Alicia Rose
Godolphin School
Salisbury



Memories

I remember in Y2 getting new glasses decorated with green and pink flowers. I soon grew tired of them and broke them – on purpose! I will always remember Mr Lett's "It's time to shine!" slogan, I got so addicted to saying it at home that I got put in the naughty corner! I will really miss this fabulous school and its unique qualities.

Ambitions

In the future I would simply like to be a zoologist and study the lives of sloths! If that doesn't pan out I would like to write and illustrate children's books. I would also love to work for Google!

Teachers will remember you for being funny, bubbly and creative (particularly your story telling around the campfire at Sayers Croft!).



District Sports 2016

On the 28th June a team of 23 KS2 pupils went up to Dover House Road playing fields to compete in the District Sports athletics competition between 10 local schools. The afternoon started with the field events and a boy and a girl from each of Y5 and Y6 competing in vertical jump, long jump and javelin. There were excellent performances all round with Algie (Y6) and Abbie (Y6) each coming first overall in their events (javelin and long jump). After the field events finished the rest of the team arrived to take part in the track events. Black clouds were gathering but luckily the rain held off (well, almost). We started with individual sprints, with races for boys and girls from Y3 to Y6. Everyone from St Mary's did very well, with most of our runners doing well enough in the heats to make the finals. After the sprints came the 4 x100 relays, for Y5 and Y6. Again all our teams made the finals and our Y6 boys team of Alex, Yves-Alain, Hal and Jaydon came an impressive first!

Everyone's efforts counted towards the overall team scores and we did amazingly well this year with both the boys' team and the girls' team coming second overall – go St Mary's! A massive well done to everyone!

Big thanks to Mr Ellis and Mr Miller who organised the team on the day and of course to all the parents who came down and supported us.

Together Everyone Achieves More. Our school will always be a TEAM!

Abbie Y6



Putney Swimming Gala

On Saturday 7th May pupils were at Putney Leisure Centre competing in the annual swimming gala. It was clear that a number of schools had been working hard to improve their swimming teams, this event gets tougher each year. Indeed many of the teaching staff attending looked on in awe at the speed that these young swimmers were able to complete a length of the pool! This year the organisers decided to break with tradition and split the event into two separate competitions for each gender. The girls fought hard and finished third, just behind Hotham, with Ella sealing an impressive victory in the Y4 Freestyle. The boys managed to finish second to All Saints' with Charles winning the Y6 Freestyle. He then teamed up with Hal, Algie and Alex to win both the Y6 Medley Relay and Y6 Freestyle Relay. These performances were backed up by a number of other impressive races for St Mary's pupils. I found it particularly interesting how few of our children, in comparison to previous years, class swimming as their main sport. This makes the performance all the more admirable.

Competitors

Ella, Rosalind, Tommy, Noah Y4, Maeve, Alice, India, Rory, Tom Y5, Grace F, Abbie, Hannah, Charles, Algie and Alex Y6.

Mr Ellis

Competitors

Ella Y4, Rosalind Y4, Tommy Y4, Noah Y4, James Y4, Maeve Y5, Alice Y5, India Y5, Rory Y5, Tom Y5, Grace Y6, Abbie Y6, Hannah Y6, Charles Y6, Hal Y6, Algie Y6 and Alex Y6.



Running - The end of the Mark era

Mark White 'ran' his final Running Club for Y5 and Y6 in the last week of term. He has been in charge for the last four years and helping for longer. He's endured all weather conditions to keep St Mary's running. The school's success in running competitions is partly as a result of his commitment. We say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mark Livingstone also who has been the inspiration for St Mary's running for over a decade!

Thank you so much to both, you will be missed.



Wider Opportunities Concert

The Summer term saw Y1, 2 and 3 perform in their final Wider Opportunities concert. We were all blown away by the fantastic performances and so impressed by how far the children have come. Y1 wowed us and showed off the skills of our beginner recorders, playing an array of fun and fabulous songs using the notes that they have learned so far. Y2, our 'continuing recorders,' impressed us with some fantastic pieces and showed us how they have consolidated their skills since they began playing. Lastly, Y3 amazed the audience with their flute playing. All the classes demonstrated their beautiful singing voices with a variety of upbeat songs that made us all want to sing along! As always, we finished up with an encore of Mr Lett's favourites! Big thanks to Phoebe and Naomi for all their hard work and to all the parents for their continued support.

Year 3 Joint Wider Opportunities concert

On 4th July we were delighted to welcome Y4 from Hotham Primary School, to participate in a joint concert with our flute playing Y3, who are learning the clarinet as part of the Wandsworth Wider Opportunities scheme. It was a great opportunity for Y3 to perform to a different audience and also to hear another class playing a different instrument.

"I felt a bit nervous at first because I didn't know any of them and I sometimes feel nervous when I do a show in front of someone. After I got started I felt really impressed and proud of myself. I had so much fun like I always do. I really enjoyed myself. I really liked what they did as well. I don't usually get a chance to listen to people play different instruments. It's quite a different sound and I don't think I've heard a clarinet before. I think I felt proud and good because we did it in front of another school." Annie Y3

M:Tech Club

This term our M:Tech club members have been working on 'Project Olympics – Go for Gold!' which has been an ideal opportunity to learn about Brazilian style music and to incorporate a catchy samba rhythm or bossa nova beat into their compositions! Some of the children have now completed their Grade 4 award and their certificates were presented in the end of term assembly. The coveted Gold Discs were awarded to the two children who showed the most progress during the term.



Basketball

Three St Mary's teams went to play basketball at Hotham on a sunny afternoon in June. We were all buzzing with nervous excitement at the prospect of competing against our local rivals.

It was a competitive series of matches and we came out on top, earning ourselves a place in the borough finals in Southfields.

In a nail-biting tournament, we clinched victory with a strong team performance and went on to represent Wandsworth in the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace.

We felt nervous but excited at the prospect of a tournament on this scale. In the first match, we managed to settle into our stride but the games became progressively harder and we narrowly missed a quarter-final spot on points difference. It was a great experience which we enjoyed immensely and we would like to thank our coach, Andy and our avid supporters Mrs Bishop, Miss Stephen and Mr Ellis.

Alex, Alice, Hal, Tobias Y6 and Maeve Y5



Trip to the Living Rainforest

Y4 were very lucky to visit the 'Living Rainforest.' The whole class travelled to the Berkshire countryside to explore a rainforest environment enclosed in a large glass house. There were lots of amazing trees, plants and animals and the children learnt a great deal about how plants and animals have adapted to live in the rainforest.

"I was bursting with excitement!" Katie Y4

"I loved learning about dart frogs and chameleons." Noah Y4

Jake Y6



Sports Day

“Sports day is better than fun and there’s loads of activities.”
Daniel Y4

“Hurdles is great and you’re encouraged to try your best.”
Holly Y4

“I enjoyed it even more than last year.” Gabriella Y4

“Best day of the year!”
Alice Y5

“Sports day is better than ever!” Seb Y4

“Sports day is brilliant, my favourite event is hurdles because I came first!” Chloe Y4



“This has been a great way to end my last year.” Jasmine

“Best spo



“I’m ready to sprint for sports day!” Taygen Y5

“Sports day is great, especially when you win an event!”
Ella Y4

“I did my best at sports day, it was really fun and I’m looking forward to next year.”
Tomas E Y5

“Sports day is painful because we’re running and it gets so hard, it’s good exercise though and it’s fun!” Anna Y4

“I’ve never had a sports day ever!” Algie Y6



Sports day

Congratulations to all the pupils, staff, spectators, St Mary’s alumni and parent helpers who make the St Mary’s sports days such fun and dynamic occasions.

KS1 pupils were coached through a number of games and obstacles by the enthusiastic Y6 leavers. Some athletes in the making were spotted down at Putney Common!

The KS2 sports day at Barn Elms was, as ever, a wonderfully run team event. Records fell, the rain stayed off and the red family parents relay were victorious in the hotly contested parents’ race. However, the day belonged to the yellow family who picked up the trophies for best performance. A huge thank you and goodbye to Mark White and Michelle Howie, who have been key contributors to sports day since the very start. The KS2 sports day is a wonderful show-case for the school; enthusiastic pupils having fun, showing great team work with teachers and parents motivating and encouraging them all the way!



Joint Communion

On Tuesday 21st June, KS2 went down to All Saints' for a joint communion service. We all enjoyed it very, very much and we hope that we can do it again soon.

The choir was very good and the song that was sang was very emotional and moving. Biba, Tobias, Caitlin and George spoke extremely clearly and well. Overall I loved it and it was a great morning.

Grace F Y6



School Barbeque

For the entire week we dreaded rain and horrible weather, and then the big day finally arrived. Even my sister who had her school fair on the same day was excited! We had bouncy castles, face painting, some Dads on the barbeque making burgers and hotdogs and lots of other parents helping to make our school BBQ an enjoyable day. I think all the children enjoyed it very much. I was a bit sad to see Mrs Bishop being 'grunged.' I thought maybe next year we should have a vote on the day and gunge the person with the most votes.

I am so glad it did not rain, I had a great time with my friends. Looking forward to it next year.

Gabriella Y4



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Courtney Rinaldi Uncovered

I grew up in New Jersey in the USA. My primary and secondary schooling was idyllic, very much like you see on American movies, riding our bikes around town, rallies, football games and few cares. I loved school and was very competitive with my older brother.

For my undergraduate years, I attended Georgetown University in Washington DC. Upon graduation, I took off to teach secondary English and Accounting in the Marshall Islands for 2 years. There, I met my Australian husband, Andrew and convinced him to leave our island paradise for the bright lights of New York City. In NYC, I studied for a Masters in Finance at Columbia University and worked for a large investment bank. A few years later, with two children in tow, we jumped at a 2-year secondment to London, 12 years later we are still here. In the meantime I left finance to be at home with my 3 children and began volunteering in a local school. I loved the challenge and reward of being back in the classroom and decided to pursue a PGCE at the University of Roehampton. Following my PGCE, I spent a few years working as an intervention teacher and supply teacher in search of the perfect school, I think I have found it...

What do you like best about St Mary's?

So many things, the children are amazing, motivated, happy and supported by their families. There is such a community feel to the school and everyone works together.

What makes you happy?

Sitting on a beach with a good book.

Where was your best holiday?

Last Christmas, we took our children to

Micronesia (Saipan, Palau and Guam). It is one of the most beautiful parts of the world.

What subjects did you like best at school?

English and History.

Which of your habits would you like to change?

I am a terrible nail biter; it is one of those habits I have never been able to shake.

How do you like to relax?

Hiding in my room with a good book.

What things upset you?

Lying.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Holidays and my children.

What pet do you have or would you like?

We are planning on getting a dog in the autumn. I grew up around Irish Setters and I miss not having a dog around. My children claim that they will do all the work involved with a dog, I am a bit sceptical.

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

A 3-day weekend.

What are your favourite pastimes?

I love to cook and read. I am an avid skier, unfortunately, I have chosen to live too far from the mountains.

Which are your favourite books and what appeals to you about them?

The two best books I have read recently with my students are 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio and 'The Other Side of Truth' by



Beverly Nadoo, both very well written books that are though provoking.

What human trait do you most dislike?

Indecision.

Describe a favourite meal?

Thanksgiving dinner, every year it does not disappoint. The food is always delicious and many of the recipes are throwbacks from my childhood. Who can fault a holiday whose main purpose is to bring family and friends together to share a meal?

What's the most important lesson life has taught you, so far?

To quote Forrest Gump, 'life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get,' very much rings true for me. 20 years ago, I never would have imagined that I would be a teacher, an English citizen and married to an Australian living in London. While I did not plan out this path, it continues to surprise me and I can't wait for what is still to come.

How would you like to be remembered?

Though my children, if I can raise 3 kind, confident and caring children, then I've done my bit.

